

REVENUE.

LAND REVENUE.

(Nos. 9 to 38.)

SUBJECT No. 9.

Time scale to be fixed for promotions of officials in the Taluk and District Offices.

Mr. N. Narasimha Jois, Nagar Sabha.

Mr. Narasimha Jois.—Time scale may be fixed for promotions of officials in the Taluk and District Offices as in the case of Post Offices. This system has been in force for a long time in the Post Offices.

Dewan.—This is not possible.

SUBJECT No. 10.

Increase of *Potgi* and contingent charges of Village Officials.

Messrs. H. Thimmappaia, Manjarabad Taluk; A. Narana Iyengar, Hassan Taluk; K. Naranappa, Hole-Narsipur Municipality; G. Gopalaiya, Holahere Municipality; Seetharamappa, Hunsur Taluk; Dodda Ramegowda and Byregowda, Kolar Taluk; Sampangi Ramaiya, Malur Taluk; Chikka Rama Reddi, Bagepalli Taluk; D. S. Hammantha Rao, Devanahalli Taluk; Guruva Reddi, Bangalore Taluk; and Chickamallappa, Gundlupet Taluk.

Mr. A. Narana Iyengar.—As High Price Allowance is not given to Shanbhogs, the increased *potgi* may be given with retrospective effect.

Dewan.—The increased *potgi* will be paid within three or four months.

Mr. Krishnappa Naik.—As the *potgi* rules were framed in 1864 on the lines of the Bombay Rules fixing the *potgi* at 5 per cent to Shanbhogs and at 3 per cent to Patels, the rate should be revised.

Dewan.—It is not possible to increase anything further just now.

Mr. D. S. Hanumantha Rao.—The scale should be increased by 1 per cent, at least, or the assessment on the *Inam* lands done away with, as the Shanbhogs are not getting *miras* as they were before the *Potgi* Settlement. Several Shanbhogs do not also own *Inam* lands.

Dewan.—It will take some three years to complete the resettlement of taluks. Afterwards, we shall see whether the rate may be increased.

Mr. Purushottama Anandagiri Gosai.—The present land revenue is about one crore. If this is increased, then *potgi* may also be raised. There should be regular salaried Village Officers, the salary being fixed at Rs. 15 to 20 according to the nature of work. The hereditary nature of the offices should be done away with. There should also be frequent transfers of Shanbhogs and Patels. Unless the revenue of the State is increased, the question of increasing *potgi* does not arise. So the question may be dropped.

Dewan.—It is not now possible to increase *potgi*.

SUBJECT No. 11.

Grouping up of small villages into *Firkas* and enhancement of *Potgi* of Village Officials.

Messrs. B. Narayana Reddi, Bagepalli Taluk, and Sampangi Ramaiya, Malur Taluk.

Mr. Narayana Reddi.—Small villages, the *potgi* of which does not exceed Rs. 10 or 15, may be combined and formed into convenient *Firkas*. At present, *Potgi* ranges from Rs. 12 to Rs. 60. All such small villages may be grouped into one big village and the *Potgi* fixed at least at Rs. 48 to 60. The *Inam* lands should be left to hereditary *hakdars*, the officiators being paid only *potgi*.

Dewan.—I believe this question was also discussed in the recent Shanbhogs' Conference. This will be considered along with resolutions which may be submitted by the Conference to Government. It is not possible to group small villages into one as it is necessary to have a Police Patel for every village.

SUBJECT No. 12.

Restoration of the villages to the respective Shanbhogi circles as they existed prior to the original Survey Settlement.

Mr. A. Narana Iyengar, Hassan Taluk.

Mr. A. Narana Iyengar.—Villages which were amalgamated with other villages belonging to different Shanbhogi circles during the original Survey and Settlement by the Survey Department, may be detached and restored to former Shanbhogi circles, as it has deprived the original Shanbhogs of such villages, of the hereditary right which they enjoyed from time immemorial. The settlement made by the Survey Department may be re-examined by Government.

Revenue Commissioner.—Not possible.

Mr. A. Narana Iyengar.—The *Hakdars* may be allowed to do duty by turns.

Dewan.—This is being done as far as possible.

SUBJECT No. 13.

Permanent preservation of the Village Account, *Khirdi*.

Messrs. D. Venkatarayappa and P. Kannu Settappa, Chikballapur Taluk.

Mr. D. Venkatarayappa.—Of the Village Accounts, *Khirdi* is a very important record as it is often required for evidence in Civil Courts. It may therefore be ordered to be preserved permanently like *Khate* instead of only for 20 years as at present.

Revenue Commissioner.—Such records are generally preserved for reference by Government and not for evidence in Civil Courts. It is therefore not possible to preserve them as they will swell the records to be preserved permanently.

Mr. Venkatarayappa.—*Khirdi* shows the amount of revenue collected in each village for many years past, which will be a valuable record for future reference. The preservation of such records is very necessary.

Mr. G. Paramasivaiya.—Its preservation for evidence is necessary.

Dewan.—Such records would not be of much use to Government. The matter is however noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 14.

Maintenance of Village Accounts, *Pahani* and *Khaneshumari* in *Sarvamanya* and *Jodi* villages.

Mr. N. Narasimha Jois, Nagar Sabha.

Mr. N. Narasimha Jois.—Village accounts, viz., *Pahani* and *Khaneshumari* may be ordered to be maintained for *Sarvamanya* and *Jodi* villages as in the case of Government villages. If this is done, many raiyats will be extremely grateful.

Dewan.—This may be suggested in your opinion on the Inam Committee's report. The matter will then be considered.